

LOCAL LORE.

NEWS OF CORVALLIS AND VICINITY TOLD IN BRIEF.

The Comings and Goings of People Social Gossip, Personal Mention and Other Items of Public Interest.

—Adam Wilhelm Jr. was down from Monroe Saturday, to attend the races.

—Miss Adelaide Hecker of Wells, was the guest this week of Corvallis friends.

—After a week's visit with friends Misses Naomi and Kathryn Cowan left yesterday for Lebanon.

—Miss Anna Hanna of the '95 class at O. A. C., is the guest of Corvallis friends. Her home is in Baker City.

—Mrs. Munday, who resides in the southwestern part of town, is in Portland for medical treatment, with prospects of a surgical operation.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Baldwin of Independence, were guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Hall over the Fourth.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hall of Polk county, returned yesterday to their home, after a visit of several days with relatives in Corvallis.

—After spending the 4th in Corvallis, Nell Newhouse left yesterday for Toledo, where he is head sawyer in the Gray sawmill.

—Mrs. C. E. Burns and her little daughter, Bonajene of Oregon City, is in Corvallis visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Wheeler.

—Miss Grace Gatch is entertaining a house party this week at her Newport cottage. Her guests are Mr. and Mrs. McKillipe, Miss Holgate and W. T. Shaw.

—Mrs. McDermott, Mrs. Esther Reid, of Seattle, visited her mother in this city for a day last week. On her return home she was accompanied by her sister, Miss Anna Jones.

—The U. B. church at Pleasant Valley will be dedicated on Sunday, July 10, by Bishop Castle. Basket dinner and services in the afternoon. All are invited.

—After a ten days' visit with Miss Alta Altman, Miss Celia Nelms left yesterday for Newport where she will spend the summer with friends.

—Hon. Lawrence T. Harris, who delivered the oration on the 4th, left for his home at Eugene Monday afternoon. While in Corvallis, he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Bryson. Mr. Harris is one of the rising young men of the state.

—The new firm of Hollenberg & Cady have added another room to their furniture business. It was the original purpose to occupy but two rooms but the exigencies of business have made the addition of a third necessary.

—Monday was a good day for Geo. Coney. He captured \$27.50 in prizes in the athletic contests at the celebration. He was winner of the 220 yard run, prize \$7.50; the sack race, \$5; wheelbarrow race, \$5; motor bicycle race, \$5; and was a member of the winning team in the hose race, \$5; total \$27.50.

—The 4th was a howling success. While great credit is due all other members of the committee, the one indefatigable worker who never lost sight of the arrangements, and who gave of his time and talents without stint, was John Allen, and to him is due much praise for the fact that the celebration and all its appointments was very enough to be satisfactory to everybody.

—When he returns to Berkeley, about August 1st, Jack Arnold will take a position as an instructor in English in the University of California. Since his graduation at the university four years ago, Mr. Arnold has had a year in English at Harvard and two post graduate years' work at Berkeley, and he is undoubtedly well qualified for his new position.

—Fears that were entertained concerning the hay crop are being realized as haying progresses, as some land that was in hay last year is not yielding as much by over half, according to the acreage, as the same soil produced last season. It is prophesied by many ranchers of experience that hay in the local market will be \$20 to \$25 per ton before spring, judging by the present prospects. The past winter it reached \$15.

—Forty-two already dead, and an estimate that 200 more will ultimately succumb to their injuries, is the list of casualties reported Monday night as a result of the 4th of July celebrations in the country during the day. The list is as follows: Total dead, 42; toy pistols, 7; toy cannon and cannon crackers, nine; dynamite canes, 13; drowned, five; explosions, two; runaway, six. Total injured, 1,372; toy pistols, 335; dynamite canes, 442; toy cannon and crackers, 370; explosions, 127; other causes, 98. It costs heavily to celebrate the glorious 4th, where explosives are used. When all the returns are in, the list will probably be tripled or quadrupled.

—Miss Lulu Young is visiting in Portland, the guest of her sisters.

—Burl Callaway was over from Brownville to take in the races and to spend the 4th.

—Misses Mabel and Pauline Davis left yesterday to join their parents at Newport.

—Bural telephones have just been placed in the residences of John E. Wyatt and Harley Hall, a mile west of town.

—George Mangas and Crville Whitaker left Saturday for an extended visit through California, San Francisco being the destination.

—Merwin McMahon left yesterday for American Lake, Washington, to attend the annual encampment of the Pacific Coast National Guard. He will be absent three weeks.

—Mr. Wagoner of the brick livery stable, left Monday for Hood River, looking for a new location. He has not disposed of his livery stable interests, but expects to make a change in the hope of escaping asthma with which a little girl in the family is affected.

—Ivan Danels has retired from the show business, and is to locate at Ashland, and engage in piano tuning. He leaves this week with his mother and sister for Sodaville, and thence goes in a few days to Ashland. It is expected now that in September his mother and sister will join him there for a permanent residence.

—Mrs. Charles Young and children arrived Monday from Southern Oregon and are the guests for a few days of Corvallis relatives. Mrs. Young is en route to Portland, where she will join her husband, and they will in future make the metropolis their home.

—A celebration like that of Monday is good for any town. The crowd was big, but very orderly. Strangers, who rarely visit the town were present by hundreds. They came and saw, and got acquainted. They will come again, when there is not a celebration. Doubtless every man who contributed for the celebration, got his money back, and more. In the influences exerted, he will get still more in the future. The whole thing cost but \$500. Where, or when did Corvallis spend money more advantageously.

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Army Officer Must Pay Duty on His Treasures.

Lieut. Schoeffel Meets with Difficulty on Reaching San Francisco with Chinese Imperial Seals and Jade Tablets.

Five Chinese imperial seals and 12 jade tablets from the temple at Peking, which were brought home by Lieut. John B. Schoeffel, of the Ninth infantry, were seized at the transport dock at San Francisco by the customs officers the other day. It was supposed at first that the tablets were of great historical value, but more careful examination convinces the customs officials that they were simply ornaments and of no particular value except as curios.

Both the tablets and seals are beautifully done, and they will command high prices as curios. It was intended at first to hold the relics pending instructions from Washington, but later it was decided that Schoeffel could have his property by paying the duty. The amount has not been fixed.

The imperial seals weigh about six pounds, are of rectangular shape, about six inches square and three inches in height. Carved dragons in crouching attitudes surmount the block, serving as handles. Chinese characters are carved in relief on the base of the seals, and a yellow tassel is knotted on one of them. The tablets are of dark green jade, each inscribed on one side with Chinese characters traced in gold. The five-toed dragon, the Chinese royal escutcheon, is imprinted on the other side, also traced in gold. The tablets are ten inches by five, by one-half an inch in thickness.

Lieut. Schoeffel said he bought the jade tablets of a Chinese, who did not tell him where they came from. He declares that if they are of any historical value he did not know it. He bought them simply as curios, and has been carrying them around for two years. He was not in the least disturbed by the seizure.

—A celebration like that of Monday is good for any town. The crowd was big, but very orderly. Strangers, who rarely visit the town were present by hundreds. They came and saw, and got acquainted. They will come again, when there is not a celebration. Doubtless every man who contributed for the celebration, got his money back, and more. In the influences exerted, he will get still more in the future. The whole thing cost but \$500. Where, or when did Corvallis spend money more advantageously.

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